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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM JORDAN

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SUBJECT:OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION

REF: THE HAGUE 6397

1. WE HAVE EXTRACTED THE FOLLOWING BITS FROM A PENTAGON
RELUCTANT TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF INTER-SERVICE POLITICS.
AS YOU HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN INFORMED, ODC THE HAGUE IS
TO BE HEADED BY THE AIR FORCE COLONEL. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO
THE DEFINITE DECISION WHICH SERVICE WOULD HAVE THE ODC
CHIEF SLOT, THE ARMY AND NAVY DID NOT WISH TO WITHDRAW
THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTENDERS. THUS, THE ARMY AND NAVY 06S
FROM THE OLD MAAG HAVE BEEN THE VICTIMS OF SERVICE POLITICS.
WE HEAR THAT OTHER JOBS ARE NOW LINED UP FOR THESE TWO
OFFICERS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO DETAILS; AND WE ARE TOLD THEY
WILL BE ASSIGNED AS SOON AS IT IS CERTIFIED THEY ARE OUT OF
THE RUNNING FOR THE ODC CHIEF'S JOB.

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2. WE EXPECT TO HAVE FROM DOD WITHIN FEW DAYS A PROPOSAL

FOR ODC STAFFING WHICH SHOULD PUT AN END TO ALL UNCERTAINTY
IN STATUS OF YOUR PERSONNEL. OUR SOUNDINGS AT DOD INDICATE
THAT IN ADDITION TO MILITARY COMPONENT YOU ARE AWARE OF
(REFTEL), ODC IS TO HAVE, IF YOU CONCUR, THREE U.S.
CIVILIANS AND THREE LOCALS. AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE DETAILED
DOD PROPOSAL, WE WILL SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS. ROBINSON

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